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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF 1565 - COMPUTERS (APRIL 25 SESSION)

REFS: A. COCOM DOC REV (71) 1565/W.P. 3

B. CORRIGENDUM TO COCOM DOV REV (71) 1565/W.P. 3

C. STATE 088634

D. STATE 092361

E. STATE 024665

SUMMARY: FOLLOWING TWO PREVIOUS DAYS SPEND ON NOTES 10 AND 11, COMMITTEE STARTED DISCUSSION OF ITEM ITSELF ON APRIL 25. HEADING AND SUB-ITEMS (A) AND (B), REFLECTING EXISTING COVERAGE, WERE AGREED QUICKLY. HEADING OF (C) AND (C)(1) WERE AGREED, BUT THERE WAS DESIRE FOR CLARIFYING WORDING CHANGES IN (C)(2) AND (3). SUB-ITEM (C)(4) COVERAGE WAS BELIEVED BY SOME DELEGATIONS TO BE A MAJOR LIMITATION ON THE POSSIBLE BENEFITS OF NOTE 10, AND A TWG IS BEING HELD ON APRIL 28 TO EXPLORE THE ISSUES. SUB-ITEM (C)(5) WAS SUBSTANTIALLY ACCEPTED, CONTINGENT ON OUTCOME OF (C)(4). SUB-ITEMS (D) AND (E) ALSO WENT WELL, BUT DETAILED BELOW ARE SUGGESTED CLARIFICATIONS. ACTION REQUESTED: TRANSMISSION OF AUTHORITY TO CONFIRM (WHEN TACTICALLY APPROPRIATE) US AD REF AGREEMENTS DETAILED IN PARA. 7. END SUMMARY.

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1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS ON NOTES 10 AND 11 (SEPTELS)

COMMITTEE TURNED ON APRIL 25 TO FULL ITEM IL 1565, BASED ON US COUNTERPROPOSAL (REF A) AS AMENDED BY CORRIGENDUM (REF B) AND INSTRUCTIONS IN REF C AND D ALSO INCLUDED IN CORRIGENDUM. CORRIGENDUM GENERATED HERE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

--SUBITEM (F)(1): CORRECT REFERENCE IN THIRD LINE FROM (C) TO (E).

2--NOTE 2 (D)(1)(I): CORRECT ACCURACY FROM 0.15 TO 0.01.

3--NOTE 3(D)(6)(III): CORRECT REFERENCE IN FOURTH LINE FROM (D)(7)(I) AND (II) TO (D)(6)(I) AND (II).

4--NOTE 5 HEADING: DELETE ALL OF THIRD LINE, "AND NOT EXCEEDING...PART (D)(5)", AND PLACE COMMA AT END OF SECOND LINE AFTER "(E)".

5--NOTE 5(G)(4)(II): CORRECT LIMIT IN THIRD LINE FROM 1.6 TO 3.2 MILLION BITS PER SECOND.

6--NOTE 11(A): CHANGE "PERSONNEL" AT END OF SECOND LINE TO "PERSONAL".

2. HEADING AND SUBITEMS (A) AND (B) ACCEPTED AS UN-CHANGED FROM PRESENT LIST. BEFORE DISCUSSION ON SUBITEM (C), STATEMENT (PARA. 4A, REF. E) WAS READ INTO RECORD. NO COMMENT FROM OTHER DELS WHEN ASKED EXCEPT UK, WHO RESERVED TO STUDY STATEMENT, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO NEW SUBITEM (C)(4). ALL DELS AGREED TO SUBITEM (C) HEADING AND (C)(1). AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION ON SUBITEM (C)(2), UK PROPOSED ADDING "SPECIALLY" AT BEGINNING AND CHANGING "LEVELS LESS THAN" TO "LEVELS WITH LESS THAN" BECAUSE ALL EQUIPMENT TO PASS INTERFERENCE SPECIFICATIONS HAD TO BE LESS THAN SPECS. UK GRANTED IT WAS IMPRECISE BUT IT WAS THE BEST THAT COULD BE DONE. FRANCE AND US AGREED AD REF AND OTHER DELS AGREED TO UK PROPOSALS.

3. ON SUBITEM (C)(3), AFTER SOME DISCUSSION ON MEANING OF "CAPABLE OF MEETING" AND WHICH "MILITARY SPECIFICATIONS WERE APPLICABLE, US PROPOSED INSERTING AFTER "SPECIFICATIONS" THE WORDS "FOR RUGGEDIZED EQUIPMENT". ALSO US, BASED ON QUESTIONS STATED THAT IT WAS NOT ATTEMPTING TO EMBARGO CALCULATORS AS RUGGEDIZED EQUIPMENT. CONFIDENTIAL

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THEN THE UK, AND GERMANY, JAPAN AND FRANCE AGREED AD REF. THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM AND ITALY AGREED. CANADA RESERVED BECAUSE THE GEOPHYSICAL EQUIPMENT IT PRODUCES FOR FIELD USE IS CAPABLE OF MEETING MILITARY SPECS. CANADA, AFTER SUGGESTING SEVERAL ALTERNATE WORDINGS WHICH DID NOT GAIN ACCEPTANCE, SAID THEY WOULD REFER THE ISSUE TO THEIR AUTHORITIES. USDEL STATED THAT THE EXCEPTIONS PROCEDURE WAS ALWAYS AVAILABLE.

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4. ON SUBITEM (C)(4) IT WAS QUICKLY EVIDENT FROM THE DISCUSSION THAT THERE WERE MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH THIS SUBITEM AND ITS RELATION TO NOTE 10. RATHER THAN DELAY DISCUSSION OF FULL COMMITTEE A TWG WILL MEET ON APRIL 28 TO DISCUSS THIS SUBITEM. ON SUBITEM (C)(5), GERMANY AND FRANCE ACCEPTED AD REF PENDING OUTCOME OF THE TWG ON (C)(4) AND THE OTHER DELS ACCEPTED.

5. AT START OF DISCUSSION OF SUBITEM (D), USDEL READ INTO THE RECORD THE STATEMENT IN PARA. 4B, REF. E. UK SAID IT WAS A VERY USEFUL STATEMENT AND THERE WERE NO GENERAL COMMENTS FROM THE OTHERS. ON SUBITEM (D)(1), UK SUGGESTED DEFINING THE WORD "FIRMWARE" AS IN SUBITEM (C)(4) BY REPLACING IT IN (D)(1) WITH "MICROPROGRAM CONTROL (FIRMWARE)". US, GERMANY, ITALY AND JAPAN ACCEPTED AD REF, THE OTHER DELS ACCEPTED. ON SUBITEMS (D)(2) AND (3), THE UK PROPOSED COMBINING THE SUB-ITEMS INTO A NEW SUBITEM (D)(2) TO READ "THE COMPUTER IS EQUIPPED WITH PERIPHERAL DEVICES OTHER THAN THOSE FREE FROM EMBARGO UNDER NOTE 1". THE US, FRANCE AND GERMANY AGREED AD REF, THE OTHER DELS AGREED. SEVERAL DELS FELT THAT THE WORDING OF (D)(4) (WHICH WILL NOW BE (D)(3)) WAS AMBIGUOUS BECAUSE IT

COULD COVER CALCULATORS NOT EMBARGOED BY SUBITEM (E).
AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION ON HOW TO FREE SMALL DISPLAYS FOR
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CALCULATORS, THE WORDING FINALLY EVOLVED TO THE FOLLOW-
ING:

"(D)(3) THE COMPUTER IS EQUIPPED WITH CATHODE-RAY TUBE
DISPLAYS OR WITH LIGHT EMITTING DIODE, LIQUID CRYSTAL,
OR PLASMA (BY GAS IONIZATION) DISPLAYS WITH A SURFACE
AREA GREATER THAN 40 SQ. CM OR WITH MORE THAN 120 ELE-
MENTS (EXCEPT THOSE FREE FROM EMBARGO UNDER NOTE 1) AS
FOLLOWS:

(THE REMAINDER OF US PROPOSAL)".

ALSO AN "OR" WAS INSERTED AFTER THE FIRST SUBITEM AS
"INFORMATION: OR". CANADA AND ITALY AGREED, BELGIUM WAS
OPENMINDED, FRANCE, GERMANY, THE UK, AND THE NETHER-
LANDS AGREED AD REF AND JAPAN RESERVED ON THE SIZE AND
NUMBER OF ELEMENTS. US AGREED AD REF.

6. ON SUBITEM (E), ALL DELS AGREED EXCEPT THE NETHER-
LANDS WHO AGREED ON HEADING AND (1) AND (4) AND AGREED
AD REF ON (2) AND (3). ALL DELS AGREED ON SUBITEMS (F).
AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION ON SUBITEM (G) ON THE SCOPE OF
"RELATED EQUIPMENT" AND THE CROSS REFERENCING TO IL
1572 AND 1588, IT APPEARS THAT THE FINAL WORDING WILL
PROBABLY COME OUT AS:

"(G) RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE ABOVE, WHICH IS DESIGNED
OR MODIFIED AS DESCRIBED IN SUBITEMS (A) OR (C),
I.E., SPECIALIZED PARTS, COMPONENTS, PERIPHERALS,
DISPLAYS, SUB-ASSEMBLIES, ACCESSORIES, AND SPARE PARTS,
INCLUDING THOSE WHICH ARE ALSO DESCRIBED IN ITEMS 1572
OR 1588;"

"(H) OTHER RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE ABOVE, I.E., (SAME
AS ABOVE)."

THE NETHERLANDS RESERVED (DEL HAD LEFT PREVIOUSLY AND
WANTED "DESCRIBED" REPLACED BY "COVERED"), GERMANY AND
THE US AGREED AD REF (US ON THE USE OF I.E.), BELGIUM
WAS OPENMINDED AND THE OTHER DELS AGREED.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORITY TO CONFIRM AD REFS
ON SUBITEMS (C)(2)(PARA.2), (C)(3)(PARA. 3), (D)(1),
NEW (D)(2), NEW (D)(3) (PARA. 5) AND (G)(H) (PARA. 6).
USDEL AND FINKLER WILL NOT USE THIS AUTHORITY IN COM-
MITTEE UNTIL WHOLE OF 1565 ACCEPTABLE TO WASHINGTON UN-
LESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE.

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